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Next month's issue

All new advertisements and all copy for the September issue of *Crowmarsh News* must reach us before our **20th August deadline**.

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Horse chestnut tree

Thank you for the responses received about the tree at the end of Thames Mead. It is a well-loved part of the street scene and the overwhelming majority of readers who got in touch want us to prolong its life.

The Parish Council is contacting tree surgeons and hopes to make a decision at our August meeting.

The Crowmarsh Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2021-2035

From the Crowmarsh Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The objective of the plan is to promote Crowmarsh Parish as a sustainable home to a thriving community which can readily retain its strong links to the local environment. The Plan ensures that any future development for housing, employment use or recreation meets the needs of Crowmarsh Parish's existing and future residents. It also requires that any change in land use contributes to the long-term sustainability of the Parish and to the wellbeing of its Parishioners.

The Plan does not allocate any new greenfield land for housing development. The concern of many of you is that local infrastructure needs to catch up with current and approved development projects and this is noted.

Settlement boundaries are applied to the three villages within the Parish. Infill housing development can take place inside each boundary subject to specified conditions, and the mix of housing needed to sustain the community is also specified. However, development will only be supported outside the respective village boundaries if it is appropriate to a countryside location. One small plot of land at the Howbery Park Estate in Crowmarsh Gifford is allocated for employment use development.

The rural character and heritage assets of the

Parish and its ecology and biodiversity are to be preserved and enhanced. A number of green spaces within and adjacent to Crowmarsh Gifford are safeguarded for future generations to enjoy.

The Plan is based on a comprehensive and sound evidence base that informs an environmental framework assessment which in turn underpins the Plan policies. The Plan does not repeat existing national and local planning policies, but rather sits alongside them to highlight our own needs.

The Referendum on the adoption of the Plan will take place on Thursday 2nd September.

Crowmarsh News needs you!

We are well aware that in recent months there has been an influx of new people to the new houses in our area. If you are among those newcomers, we would like to extend a welcome to you.

If you would like to get involved in some way with the *Crowmarsh News*, please get in touch with us by e-mail on crowmarsh.editor@gmail.com or pop a note through the door at 57 The Street. We are always looking for additional help so that we can spread the loads of production (editorial and layout) and distribution (door-to-door) as evenly as possible.

You don't need years of experience to help out, just enthusiasm and the ability to devote a few hours once in a while to what we hope will become your favourite village newsletter!

To book Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall for birthday parties and events

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Past Times *from David Beasley*

The death of John Cope from sunstroke

John Cope was born in 1832 and lived at 8 High Street from 1879 to 1909. 8 High Street was a three bedroomed house, and he lived there with his wife, Jane, and their nine children. He worked as a coachbuilder for Mr Bowden of Crowmarsh. The builders' yard was located where the present day builders' shop and yard is situated today. He had a very short journey to work from High Street.

In August 1909 for nearly two weeks Wallingford was suffering from extremely high temperatures, 83° F (28.8° C) was the norm and on several days the temperature reached 87° F (31° C).

On Friday 11th August, whilst walking across Wallingford Bridge, John collapsed and was completely helpless and had lost all power of speech. He remained in this condition until Monday afternoon when he passed away. The funeral was held on Thursday at the Primitive Methodist Chapel where he had worshipped for a number of years. It is possible that he suffered a stroke which caused his death and not sunstroke as he had only been outside for a few minutes.



Photograph of John Cope taken in 1902 by Alfred James Latter.

Please use the parish website for updates on local matters:
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**Every Friday, St Mary-Le-More Church,
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All our usual items are on sale every Friday – fresh home baking, home-grown plants and produce, preserves, local honey and eggs and hand-crafted items.

Orders taken for most items we sell. Please phone Alison (681596) or Sandra (836527) who will direct you to the best person to provide what you require.

Items can be collected on a Friday, or by arrangement with producer.

If you have not already done so, do come one Friday and visit our friendly market soon.

Check out our new Facebook page, "Wallingford Country Market", for up-to-date information.

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Solar Streets

Supported by Sustainable Wallingford

Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels have come down in price dramatically in the last 15 years, but they are still beyond the reach of many homeowners, who also worry about mis-selling and reliability. Solar Streets is a project to help overcome this. It is an initiative by solar panel installers IDDEA, working with local community action groups and local councils with the aim of 'delivering

quality low cost solar PV installations to whole communities', with benefits for energy efficiency, costs and climate change.

There are still opportunities to sign up to the local community project to install discounted solar panels on homes and businesses in Wallingford and the immediate surrounding villages.

Visit www.IDDEA.co.uk or www.solarstreets.co.uk/ to find out more, email info@IDDEA.co.uk or phone 01380 726999, or contact Sustainable Wallingford at sw@sustainablewallingford.org.

See www.solarstreets.co.uk/wallingfordplus for a recording of the Zoom meeting held on 4th February.

Cholsey Village Show

Cholsey Horticultural Society is delighted to announce that the Village Show is back this year after a break in 2020. It will take place alongside the Cholsey Pavilion in Station Road on Saturday 28th August.

There will be the usual marquee full of flowers, vegetables, produce and handicrafts in competition, as well as a busy showground to enjoy. Entertainment includes a fun dog show, Cholsey Silver Band, folk group *Three Pressed Men* and dancing by Oxford City Morris, along with many stalls to peruse. Teas, cakes, excellent beer and a barbecue will be available for your refreshment! Off-road parking is available and children's amusements are close by.

As ever, admission is free but we hope you will buy tickets for excellent raffle prizes. The showground opens at 12 noon and the marquee at 1.30 pm.

If you would like further information or are interested in taking part, please e-mail cholseyvillageshow@gmail.com. A copy of the show's competition schedule is available on our website cholseyhortsoc.org.uk We look forward to welcoming you.



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St Mary Magdalene's Church Crowmarsh Gifford

August Services (at St Mary Magdalene unless otherwise stated):

Sunday 1st	11am	Family Service (Livestreamed)
Sunday 8th	11am	Parish Communion
Saturday 14th	10.30am-12.30pm	Crowmarsh Community Café at the Village Hall
Sunday 15th	11am	Parish Communion
Sunday 22nd	11am	Family Communion (Livestreamed)
Sunday 29th	11am	Parish Communion

Morning Prayer every Friday at 9am

Evening Prayer every Sunday at 6pm

Full details at www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk/calendar

Livestreamed services can be found on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/wallingfordcofe

The Vicar writes...

You may have noticed that the news headlines are moving from COVID to the greater problem of climate change as manifested by the extreme weather events this year. I write this during an extreme heat warning which might be welcomed by some but is very oppressive and potentially life-threatening to others. However, spare a thought for others around the world:

- More than 200 people have died following floods in Germany and Belgium;
- Canada and US are experiencing a heat dome with record high temperatures;
- Siberia in Russia's far north has been experiencing a heatwave and forest fires;
- Landslides in India have also brought devastation;
- The Amazon rainforest is now a net contributor of carbon into the atmosphere.

It is the responsibility of all of us, as global citizens, to fix this individually and corporately. Like many organisations, the Church of England declared a climate emergency last year and is divesting from fossil fuels, setting clear targets for reaching net zero. We're working to be agents of change — taking practical action, bringing the issues before God in prayer, undertaking advocacy at every level of government, standing in solidarity with our overseas partners, calling for disinvestment from fossil fuel companies whose plans aren't in line with the Paris Agreement, and seeking to support a just transition locally and globally.

This should not be an argument of capitalism against environmentalists because the costs of global warming to the world economy are absolutely enormous – insurance claims for the recent floods in Belgium and Germany are estimated at over \$5 billion (which could also result in increased home insurance premiums for us living near the Thames). However, our primary motivation is our Christian calling to care for God's world and we work and pray for real changes to be made at COP26 before it is (even more) too late. I invite you to join us in this challenge.

Blessings, Rev Kev



Wallingford Museum news

We are delighted that the museum is now open for the season, with real live visitors coming in! Please check the web site for opening times. Our amazing new exhibit, the new Wallingford Castle model is on display.

The museum celebrates its official 40th Birthday on Sunday 12th September, we will be having an Agatha Christie day on Saturday 11th September, with organised walks, please keep an eye on the website for further details.

Great news, the regular town walks are starting up again, starting on Saturday 24th July. Adults £10 per head, children free. Starting at 11am, under the Town Hall, just turn up.

Town and Castle guided tours are still continuing for pre-booked groups.

To Book a tour

All bookings are via email:
pburton6@talktalk.net or via the website

Request a day and time to suit you and we will do our best to arrange it.

Request either a Town or a Castle walk.

You will be contacted by email to confirm or adjust arrangements.

All planning is subject to government guidelines for Covid-19 prevention, please check the web site for confirmation www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk .

Museum admission will be free, until fully open, donations welcome.

Museum Bookshop

We have an excellent selection of good second-hand books (both fiction and non-fiction) at sensible prices. We look forward to seeing you - it's free to browse!

In the meantime we invite you to browse the new Wallingford Museum web site:

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk to discover more about the model and the castle by checking out our video clips, some filmed on the site of Wallingford Castle.

You can hire the Dance Studio, the Sports Hall or the Astroturf at Wallingford School.

Call Wilson Chong on 829762, or email Leisure-centre@wallingfordschool.com

Free Covid-19 testing kits

To help reduce Covid-19 risks to everyone at school, their families and contacts, parents and others in households of school children can use the free twice-weekly home testing kits for those without symptoms.

Home lateral flow test kits can be delivered to your door, so you can test yourself and your family without leaving your home. You can also get them from pharmacies.

It is understood that 1 in 3 people do not have any symptoms but can still pass it on.

You can order 1 pack of home test kits containing 7 tests from www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests. Your tests should arrive within 2 days.

Do not use a rapid lateral flow test if you have coronavirus symptoms: get a PCR test and self-isolate.

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.....are best in .jpg or .pdf format



1st Crowmarsh Scout Group

As we come to our summer break at 1st Crowmarsh Scout Group it is a good time to look back at all that has been achieved in the most difficult of circumstances.

Lock downs and Covid didn't stop us Scouting, we just learned how to use zoom and had virtual meetings and camps at home. We have been featured on Oxford Radio and met amazing people including a professional song writer who helped us write our own song and a local children's writer who read to us an extract from his book and answered our questions.

We have made popcorn, candyfloss, Smors, junk models, completed badges, raised funds for the foodbank and written cards and letters to elderly folk. There have been hikes, archery, games evenings, navigation sessions, semaphore evenings and learned about caring for animals such as a bearded dragon. It has been FANTASTIC!

We have amazing young people and a team of brilliant volunteers who make it happen every week for our young people. A huge

THANK YOU

to the leaders, executive committee members, and parent helpers who have enabled us to carry on Scouting and deliver a brilliant programme.

Sadly this year we have had to say 'Goodbye and thank you so much' to several volunteers who have been supporting us for many years,

they are:

- Christine Mason
- Liz Ryall
- Gill Sumner
- Jan Pratt
- Anna Franklin and
- Richard Pollard.

They are all amazing people who stepped up in our community determined to volunteer and improve the lives of our local youngsters.

We now have some gaps in our leadership and executive team and would love it if you felt you could give us your support.

Volunteering with our Scout Group is flexible, and you can choose how much time you want to give and the things you would like to do.

Training and support is given to all our volunteers and you will find the group has a family feel to it. We especially need a Treasurer and volunteers happy to work with the 10-14 age group.

If you would like more information about volunteering with our group, or have a young person who would like to join please contact Siobhan on 07703473250 or email Akela1stcrowmarsh@gmail.com



Wallingford Big Green Week

What do the RSPB, the WI, CPRE, the Salvation Army and BBOWT all have in common? They are all members of the Climate Coalition, who are promoting the Great Big Green Week from the 18th to the 26th of September.

This year, we in the UK have a huge opportunity to raise the ambition of plans to tackle climate change at home and abroad.

The UK is hosting a major UN climate summit, known as COP26, in Glasgow this November. Local people are taking action, but we need parliament and local authorities to act now if we are to tackle climate change, pollution and environmental degradation.

The idea is to show people and government just how much local communities are doing to increase biodiversity, protect our environment, reduce carbon dioxide and pollution emissions, and to share our ideas and actions.

The Wallingford Great Big Green Week starts with an event in our Market Place on Saturday 18th where you can showcase what you or your organisation are doing: guerilla gardening, Hedgehog Streets, volunteering at the Earth Trust, reducing single-use plastics, supporting cycling, installing solar, investing in renewables etc, etc.

Then we shall have a week of open days, workshops, competitions, community meals, whatever you would like to do.

Come and tell everyone what you are doing. Spread the word

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What's on at the Corn Exchange

Cinema during August

All regular performances start at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise.

Tickets £8 for Adults and £5 for under 15s unless otherwise stated.

The social distancing algorithm currently in place at the Box Office (which means only groups of up to six from allowed groups are able to book seats together) will be lifted from the beginning of August if government rules allow.

The Box Office system automatically spaces out any new bookings. In the interests of safety for existing patrons who have booked seats with this spacing we won't implement this change until the beginning of the month after any relaxation. We're grateful to patrons for their observation of all the Covid rules that we have implemented in the theatre.

August listing

Sunday 1st Raya and the last Dragon (PG)

Monday 2nd The Surrogate

Tuesday 3rd The Surrogate

Wednesday 4th French Exit (15)

Thursday 5th French Exit (15)

Friday 6th Another Round (12A)

Saturday 7th Another Round (12A)

Sunday 8th Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG)

Monday 9th Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG)

Tuesday 10th Black Widow (12A)

Wednesday 11th Black Widow (12A)

Thursday 12th Black Widow (12A)

Friday 13th Spirit Untamed

Saturday 14th Spirit Untamed

Sunday 15th Spirit Untamed

Wednesday 18th Off the Rails

Thursday 19th Off the Rails

Friday 20th Off the Rails

Young Audience Film Night

Sunday 15th Moonlight.

This is a new Corn Exchange initiative: a young film programmer's group in association with the British Film Institute to curate, select and market a film for 16- to 30-year-olds.

We will be showing their selection of films over the next few months, and hope that it will become a standard feature at the Corn Exchange. Anyone interested in joining the film programmer's group should email us on youngfilms@cornexchange.org.uk

The Corn Exchange will be closed from Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th August inclusive for Annual Maintenance and Deep Cleaning.

Live theatre

A Daughter's a Daughter

Wednesday, 22nd September to Saturday, 25th September, 7.45pm

Sinodun Players present an intense family drama published by Agatha Christie under the name Mary Westmacott, and directed by Lucy Pitman-Wallace. It bubbles with suppressed emotion and has the extra frisson of perhaps being inspired by Christie's difficult relationship with her own daughter, Rosalind (see full details on page 18).

Tickets £12 (adults) and £8 (under 16s)

Coming Soon

Friday 10th September *Arthur Smith is SYD*
Tickets £15 (with some adult humour)

Saturday 20th November *Under Milk Wood* by Dylan Thomas

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Wallingford Castle Repairs

Pritchard Architecture have been appointed by Wallingford Town Council to undertake consolidation and repairs to the important medieval remains at Wallingford Castle, following a grant award of £280k from Historic England.

Set amongst the massive and extensive castle earthworks, the ruins are the largest surviving pieces of wall from the once grand royal castle which was first built under William the Conqueror and later dismantled stone by stone on the orders of Oliver Cromwell.

Wallingford Castle is protected as a scheduled monument and Grade I listed. It is on the Heritage at Risk Register due to slow deterioration from weather, ivy regrowth, and vandalism. The Castle Gardens and ruins within are owned by Wallingford Town Council and managed for the benefit of the town.

There will be opportunities for local people to get involved throughout, to follow the work on site, and to learn more through displays in Wallingford town centre and new information boards produced by the volunteer-run museum.

Cllr Katharine Keats-Rohan, Wallingford Town Council, said:

“The castle remains bear priceless witness to the important role Wallingford has played in English history and should be a source of pride to us all. I am enormously grateful to Historic England for helping us to save them for the future.”





SOFO Museum launch Crowdfunding campaign to build WW2 Air-Raid Shelter

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock, launched a crowdfunding campaign on 21st July to help build a new WW2 exhibit - a life-size Anderson Shelter. The campaign is set to run for seven weeks with a goal of £2,000 to build and install the display.

Anderson shelters were used in the Second World War by families as a place to hide when air raid sirens sounded, warning of a potential bomb attack. The project aims to expand upon the ways in which visitors can learn about conflict and engage with the county's history through an interactive environment. Despite the pandemic SOFO is still looking forward, aiming to create an imaginative space that can connect people again while breathing life back into the galleries.

Already installed at the museum is a model trench which was built with help from local Cadets when SOFO first opened in 2014. The trench has proved a hit with visitors of all ages, and an invaluable tool when teaching the First World War to visiting school groups.

If fully funded, the air raid shelter experience will become a vital part of SOFO's WW2 education sessions which teach about the changes to life at home during wartime, while regular visitors will be able to enjoy it during our opening hours. We will also use the handling materials in our reminiscence work which helps participants explore their memories of the past in a safe and welcoming environment.

Donations of any size can be made towards the project, but rewards are available for those making donations of £5 or more, including pin badges, visitor guidebooks and museum annual passes. Those who back the project at the highest donation tier will have their name

included on a commemorative plaque inside the exhibit itself. Only through the support of the community can the museum continue to provide unique and engaging connections to the county's wartime heritage.

Should the project push beyond its initial funding target, a number of stretch goals have been set to expand on the air raid shelter itself. These include the potential to add audio soundscapes and video experiences to the display, as well as themed events and workshops.

You can find out more about SOFO at www.sofo.org.uk and back the project at: crowdfunder.co.uk/anderson-shelter-project.



Bed in WW2 air raid shelter

Parish Council vacancies

If you are thinking of getting more involved in your local community, why not join the parish council? It has two vacancies and would welcome expressions of interest, particularly from the villages of Mongewell and North Stoke: please contact the parish clerk, Sue Rance, 2 Home Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford, email: crowmarshparishclerk@gmail.com or the chairman, John Griffin, email: johngriffin@phonecoop.coop.

Parish Council notes

Crowmarsh Parish Council met at North Stoke on Thursday 1st July. Social distancing was observed. Thanks to Cllrs Park, Soames, Ryall and Sherbourne for organising the layout, erecting a gazebo and carrying out the risk assessment.

Present

Cllrs John Griffin (Chair), Liz Ryall, Stephen Sherbourne, Julian Park, Stuart Soames and Andrew Johnson, District Cllr Andrea Powell and County Cllr Felix Bloomfield. Dr Nick Robins attended to report on the Neighbourhood Plan.

County Council matters

County Councillor Felix Bloomfield was welcomed to the meeting. He invited the councillors and clerk to email him with any concerns or issues.

A number of long-standing highways issues were discussed and Highways Officer Lee Turner will be asked to attend a site meeting to look at these and agree actions. These include parking restrictions at Stephens Field, pedestrian crossings in Crowmarsh Gifford (near The Bell and possibly at another location in The Street, as well as in Benson Lane) and a safe crossing and traffic management measures in North Stoke. District Cllr Powell will ask the planning officer about the discharge of conditions for The Springs development, where a proper pedestrian crossing is needed.

District Council matters

District Councillor Andrea Powell reported on SODC activity and alerted the parish council to the Oxfordshire Plan 2050, a long-term (2020-2050) overarching and high-level spatial planning framework for Oxfordshire, which will also respond to the climate emergency and environmental and ecological protection and

recovery. A ten-week public consultation starts at the end of July, so please take the opportunity to read about the issues the plan will be tackling and respond with your views.

The SODC Food and Safety, Licensing, and Environmental Protection teams and Covid Marshals, along with the other Oxfordshire authorities and Thames Valley Police, have won an award for working together to support businesses and residents and co-ordinate compliance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

An update on the possible future use of the council offices site on Benson Lane is expected in time for the August parish council meeting.

Planning

Decisions by SODC

[P21/S0526/HH](#) 7 Meadow Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8BH. Replacement of 'ranch style' boundary fence between the property and the highway with a 1.9m high close-board fence to improve sound insulation from the highway and privacy. Planning permission granted

[P20/S4746/HH](#) Mere Cottage, Mongewell Park, Mongewell OX10 8DA. Erection of a workshop/hobby room. Planning permission granted.

[P21/S2014/LDP](#) Mere Cottage, Mongewell Park, Mongewell OX10 8DA. Provision of a mobile home within curtilage of dwelling. Granted.

[P21/S2010/FUL](#) Land adjacent to Jasmin Mews, The Street, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8EJ. Erection a two-storey detached dwelling slightly sunk in to the ground with garden and attached garage to the side together with two outdoor terraces at first floor level. Planning permission granted.

[P21/S2722/LDE](#) Bezants 33 Winterbrook Wallingford OX10 9EB. Existing landing stage

on River Thames at bottom of the garden. Lawful development agreed (the site is in Wallingford parish).

[P21/S1550/FUL](#) HR Wallingford Ltd, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8BA. Erection of a single-storey visitor & training centre building. Planning permission granted.

Consultation responses

[P21/S2302/A](#) The Springs Golf Club, Wallingford Road, North Stoke OX10 6BE Application for the siting of two new main entrance signs and new brick walling. Recommend no objection.

[P21/S2654/LDP](#) New house adjoining 27 Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8ED Erection of 1100mm high balustrade and use of part of roof area as for ancillary amenity purposes. Recommend refusal: users of the roof area at first-floor level would overlook the private garden of 27 Benson Lane in an unneighbourly way.

Neighbourhood plan

Dr Nick Robins reported on progress. The referendum version of the plan is now almost ready and from now on the plan begins to carry weight in planning applications. After the plan is approved at referendum, it will carry full weight.

Planning permission has now lapsed for the Carmel College site at Mongewell. Nine hectares of the Riverside Meadows has been declared a local green space. The nature area and recreation ground are also defined as public open space. English Heritage's concerns about the 0.28 hectares at Howbery Park because of its impact on the four Grade 2 listed buildings has been resolved.

The referendum should take place on 2nd September. Look out for articles in Crowmarsh News this month and next and further publicity on noticeboards,

A vote of thanks was made to Dr Robins for all his work over the last four years.

Finance

The Finance Officer reported that the internal audit has now been completed and the accounts have been sent to the external auditor.

A grant of £760 was made to North Stoke Village Hall for grass cutting and grounds maintenance. Other payments included £120 for the final Zoono treatment of the play equipment, £732.96 for maintaining the sewage pump at the pavilion, £4,128 for work on the building regulations for the pavilion improvements, £945 for grass cutting at the nature area and £330 for final consultancy help with the neighbourhood plan.

Three quotes had been received to install Closed Circuit TV at the recreation ground. Abingdon Access's quote of £2698 plus VAT was accepted. They provided a specification recommended by the police and data storage up to one month. They will put up posters advertising that there is CCTV protecting the premises.

Environment and recreation

A report on the condition of the horse chestnut tree at the end of Thames Mead has been received. Thanks to residents who have responded to the article in the July Crowmarsh News. The parish council will go out to tree surgeons for quotes.

The invitation to tender to carry out the pavilion improvements has been posted on the website.

A barrier will be installed in the near future to exclude high vehicles from the recreation ground carpark. WiFi will be installed at the pavilion by BT. Parasols will be provided for the terrace at the pavilion at a cost of just under £500.

Traffic and transport

There were no public transport issues raised. Our Parish Transport Rep Amanda Griffin will attend the county-wide meeting on 6 July and report back.

Cllr Griffin will follow up the problem of noise from motorcycles with the Police and Crime Commissioner and other parish councils including Warborough, Benson, Bix & Assendon, Nettlebed and Nuffield. Noise monitoring devices are being tried in London and elsewhere and may be available here next summer.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be at Crowmarsh Gifford Village Hall on Thursday 5th August, starting at 7.30pm. Please contact the parish clerk if you would like to attend.

Vacancies

The parish council has two vacancies and would welcome expressions of interest, particularly from Mongewell and North Stoke: please contact the parish clerk.

Parish Clerk, Mrs Sue Rance, at 2 Home Farm, Crowmarsh Gifford OX10 8EL, or by e-mail at crowmarshparishclerk@gmail.com

The Sinodun Players

The Sinodun Players will present A Daughter's A Daughter by Agatha Christie at the Corn Exchange Wallingford from 22nd to the 25th of September (virus restrictions permitting).

Most members will recall that this play was almost ready for its early April run when the lockdown confined us all to barracks. Now, after a lot of hard work by various committees, it can be announced that the show will go ahead if it remains permitted under national law at that time.

At present the cast are rehearsing via Zoom and we welcome two new members Kirsty Van Den Bulk and Will Lidbetter, who replace Ginny Avery and Peter O Sullivan who sadly could not be available for the new dates. As soon as the backstage area of the Corn Exchange has been made properly Covid-Secure we will be able to come together, though still with masks and social distancing. There is much to be done to ensure the set can be built and used within safety guidelines so that actors, construction and backstage teams AND, of course, our audience can enjoy the play knowing everything possible has been done to reduce risk of infection.

The Play

Ann Prentice, a widow on the cusp of remarriage, has to choose between her only daughter and the man she loves. What follows is a remarkable exploration of the aftermath of sacrifice, as love turns to hatred and mother and daughter struggle to understand what has happened to them. The director is Lucy Pitman-Wallace.

The Cast

Ann (The widow) - Kirsty Van Den Bulk

Sarah (The daughter) - Sophie Beaumont

Edith (Ann's maid) - Sarah Enticknap

Dame Laura (Sarah's godmother) - Gloria Wright

Jerry (Sarah's beau) - James Winters

Richard (Ann's intended) - Will Lidbetter

Lawrence (A mother's nightmare) - Dan Beauchamp

Doris (A new wife)

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Regular events and meetings

Every Friday	09.30-12.00	Wallingford Country Market	St Mary-le-More Church
Every Saturday	10.00-12.00	WAGS Store open	Centre 70
Most Saturdays	10.00-13.00	Local Producers' Market	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Every Sunday	11.00 onwards	Parish Communion (Family service on the first Sunday of the month)	St Mary Magdalene's Church, Crowmarsh

This month

Wednesday 4th	14.00 onwards	U3A: Mad musicians and crazy dancers	Last meeting on Zoom
Thursday 5th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 7th	All day	Cream Tea Special	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway
Saturday 14th	10.00-12.00	Crowmarsh Community Café	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Saturday 14th	20.00 onwards	Music: Consone Quartet, www.musicatstpeterswallingford.org.uk	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Saturday 28th	12 onwards	Cholsey Village Show Cholseyvillageshow@gmail.com	Cholsey Pavillion, Station Road
Saturday 28th	20.00 onwards	Music: Dominic Degavino, www.musicatstpeterswallingford.org.uk	St Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford
Monday 30th (Bank Holiday)	All day	Bank Holiday Cream Tea Special	Cholsey and Wallingford Railway

September

Wednesday 1st	14.00 onwards	U3A: The P & O Story	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 2nd	19.30 onwards	Neighbourhood Plan Referendum	Crowmarsh Village Hall
Thursday 9th	19.30 onwards	Crowmarsh Parish Council Meeting	North Stoke Village Hall

For details of walks with Didcot & Wallingford Ramblers, please see
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